

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Tonita Gurule-Giroń

COUNCILORS: Barbara A. Casey
David L. Romero
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.
Vincent Howell

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Trujillo – City Manager
Casandra Fresquez – City Clerk
H. Chico Gallegos – City Attorney
Juan Montano – Sergeant At Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Howell asked for a moment of silence to think about the future regarding the upcoming Presidential Election and hoped that the right choice is made and asked for guidance from the community and leadership in making good decisions to move the City forward.

City Manager Richard Trujillo made the recommendation to convene into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Casey made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters permitted by Section 10-15-1 page 2 of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Casey made a motion to reconvene into Regular Session, advised that only personnel matters were discussed in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 and stated that no decisions were made. Councilor Romero and Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion.

Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Bob Wessely briefly discussed some of the topics of the contract agreement between the City of Las Vegas and Storrie Project Waster Users Association/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and encouraged the City to continue with the process of reviewing the contract in order for the City of Las Vegas, Storrie and the Acequia users to start receiving the benefits of adequate water storage.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval/Disapproval to develop a (PER) Preliminary Engineering Report for the Bradner Dam Rehabilitation Project.

Interim Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised that a PER will be prepared that will present the alternatives and cost for the design and construction of the Bradner Reservoir Rehabilitation project. The scope of work has been reviewed by the Office of the State Engineer. Capital outlay grant funds will be used for the planning, permitting, design and construction of the project. Cost of the PER is \$501,982.00. Interim Utilities Director Gilvarry added that URS would be doing the construction for the rehabilitation project.

City Manager Trujillo advised Council that the deadline date to use the funding for the project was July 2018 and added that he wanted to make sure it was utilized.

Councilor Casey asked a question regarding what the acronym "URS" stood for.

Interim Utilities Director Gilvarry informed that she did not know the meaning of the acronym "URS", although would find out for Councilor Casey.

Councilor Casey asked after spending money from the Capital Outlay funding on the PER, would there be enough funding for the remaining work with what was left of the funds.

Interim Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that according to the previous estimate from the engineer of the work that needed to be done on the outlet tower and

the embankment, it would come to about 8 million dollars, leaving some left over for any additional work required.

Councilor Casey questioned some of the alternatives that could be taken by URS referenced in the contract.

Interim Utilities Director Gilvarry clarified that URS would give the City different ideas and options pertaining what would work best for the City and staying within budget during the project.

Councilor Casey had a question on the PER report referring to the "fair" condition of Bradner Dam concerning woody vegetation, erosion and rodent damage.

City Manager Trujillo clarified that the rodents referred to in the report were gophers.

Interim Utilities Director Gilvarry explained that the vegetation around the embankment had been removed by City personnel, under the direction and supervision of the State Engineer.

Brief discussion took place regarding the process of meeting of the deadline of the project.

Councilor Howell advised that he needed clarification pertaining to any protests against the Bradner Dam Rehabilitation.

City Manager Trujillo explained that the protest placed at the current time was from Storrie Lake, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and one Acequia member regarding the proposed 2300 acre foot for the new Bradner reservoir.

City Manager Trujillo added that the subject at hand was staying within the City's adjudicated water right and not storing any more than what that right allowed and informed that a protest would not be allowed due to staying within the adjudicate water right. City Manager Trujillo advised it would not affect the Storrie Project.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve to develop a (PER) Preliminary Engineering Report for the Bradner Dam Rehabilitation project. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

2. Approval/Disapproval to appoint Veronica Gentry as Interim Public Works Department Director.

City Manager Trujillo advised that as per the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article V, Officers, Directors and Employees, Section 5.07 Departments. C. The city manager shall appoint department directors, subject to approval by the Governing Body.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve to appoint Veronica Gentry as Interim Public Works Department Director. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

3. Approval/Disapproval to appoint Pamela Marrujo as Recreation Department Director.

City Manager Trujillo advised that as per the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article V, Officers, Directors and Employees, Section 5.07 Departments. C. The city

manager shall appoint department directors, subject to approval by the Governing body.

Councilor Casey stated that every so often personnel decisions are made by moving employees who do their jobs well, to different areas in order to benefit the City in other areas and added that this was the case with the appointment of Pamela Marrujo as Recreation Department Director.

Councilor Casey advised that it was her pleasure to make the motion to appoint Pamela Marrujo as Recreation Department Director. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Mayor Gurule-Giroń asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

4. Approval/Disapproval to appoint Jack Maes as Housing Department Director.

City Manager Trujillo advised that as per the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article V, Officers, Directors and Employees, Section 5.07 Departments. C. The city manager shall appoint department directors, subject to approval by the Governing Body.

Councilor Howell made a motion to disapprove to appoint Jack Maes as Housing Department Director. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion.

Mayor Gurule-Giroń asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

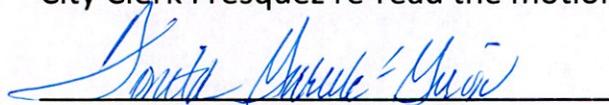
ADJOURN

Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

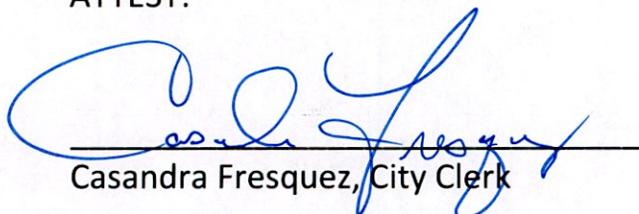
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.



Mayor Tonita Gurule-Giroñ

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk